

Missouri at a Glance

General information

Entered the Union: August 10, 1821 (24th state).

Capitol: Jefferson City.

Present Constitution adopted: 1945.

Motto: “Salus populi suprema lex esto” which is Latin for “The welfare of the people shall be the supreme law.”

Nickname: The Show Me State.

Origin of state name: “Missouri” is most likely a French rendition of the Algonquian word meaning “town of large canoes.”

Land area in square miles (national rank): 68,945 (18).

Number of counties: 114 with one independent city (St. Louis).

Largest county: Texas—1,180 square miles.

Smallest county: Worth—266 square miles.

Population

Ten largest cities: Kansas City, 441,545; St. Louis, 348,189; Springfield, 151,580; Independence, 113,288; Columbia, 84,531; St. Joseph, 73,990; Lee’s Summit, 70,700; St. Charles, 60,321; St. Peters, 51,381; Florissant, 50,497.

Missouri population (2000 U.S. Census)	.5,595,211
National rank (2000)	.17
Male/female population (by percentage) (2000)	.48.6 / 51.4
Ethnic population (by percentage) (2000)	
(White/Black/Hispanic/Asian/Native American)	.84.9 / 11.2 / 2.1 / 1.1 / .4/ .1
Urban/rural distribution (by percentage) (2000)	.68.7 / 31.3
Resident live births, (1999)	.77,371
Resident deaths, (1999)	.57,621
Total personal income, 2000, in millions (national rank)	.\$154,499 (18)
Per capita income, 2000 (national rank)	.\$27,455 (28)
Median household income, 1999 (national rank)	.*\$41,466 (21)
*(U.S. Census Bureau estimate)	
Gross State Product (2000)	.\$166.5 billion

Geography/Climite

Highest point (in feet above sea level: Taum Sauk Mountain, Iron County)	.1,722
Lowest point (in feet above sea level: St. Francis River, Bootheel)	.230
Approximate mean elevation in feet above sea level (national rank)	.800 (32)
Normal daily mean temperature (national rank)	.54.9°F (21)
Percentage of sunny days per year (national rank)	.60% (20)

Education

Public schools (2000–2001)	
Elementary	.1,262
Junior high/middle schools	.326
High schools	.539
Public school districts	.525
Public school enrollment	.897,374
Elementary (K–8)	.584,265
Secondary (9–12)	.276,092
Public high school graduation rate (1999–2000)	.79.46%
Nonpublic schools	
Elementary	.434
Secondary	.103
Nonpublic school districts	.537
Nonpublic school enrollment	.104,145

Elementary (K-8)	73,074
Secondary (9-12)	22,977
Ungraded	8,094
Nonpublic high school graduation rate (1999-2000)	92%
Colleges and universities (2000-2001)	
Public four-year colleges and universities	13
Public two-year community colleges	19
Independent four-year colleges	23
Independent two-year colleges	2
Technical, professional and theological schools	23
Private career schools	120
Public libraries and branches	373

Natural resources

Agriculture (1998)

Number of farms/national rank	102,000 (2)
Total farm acreages	29,900,000
Total ag income/export value	\$5.56 billion / \$1.55 billion
Farm segment/national rank	
Hay production (excluding alfalfa)	Second
Beef cow production	Second
Hog production	Sixth
Cattle operations	Second
Turkeys raised	Fifth
Corn production	Tenth
Rice production	Sixth
Cotton production	Tenth
Soybean production	Sixth
Milk production	Sixteenth
Winter wheat production	Tenth
Farm segment annual production	
Grapes	1,900 tons
Watermelons	1,128,000 hundredweight
Grain sorghum	40.9 million bushels
Apples	42 million pounds
Timber/commercial acreage	about 14 million acres
Annual value of wood products	\$3 billion
Energy	
Number of power plants	90
Nuclear plants	1
State conservation acreage (areas/acreage)	1,090 / 968,235
Owned (areas/acreage)	775 / 770,574
Leased acreage (areas/acreage)	315 / 197,661
Crop land acreage	73,449
Fishing lakes/ponds acreage	219,240
Forest land acreage	592,154
Grassland/old-fields/prairie/wetlands acreage	83,392
Facilities on Conservation Areas	
Archery ranges (owned and leased)	38
Boat ramps on lakes	249
Camping-designated improved	200
Camping-designated primitive	1,256
Firearm ranges (owned and leased)	43
Fire lookout towers	59
Fish hatcheries	12
Fishing docks, jetties and platforms	314
Forest seedling nursery	1
Horseback riding-designated trails	89
Hunting blinds	326
Parking lots	600
Stream accesses	329

Trails (miles)	1,004
Trails (number)	498
Viewing blinds, & decks	53
Visitor centers	15

Employment

Manufacturing	
Durable goods	234,200
Non-durable goods	169,200
Total: Manufacturing	403,400
Non-manufacturing	
Mining	5,100
Construction	140,900
Transportation/Public utilities	179,700
Trade	648,400
Wholesale trade	151,100
Auto repair and parking services	28,200
Amusement, including movies	48,900
Health services	228,700
Educational services	48,200
Social services	62,600
Membership organizations	57,700
Engineering and management	48,900
Agricultural services	14,400
Total government	428,200
Federal government	62,400
State government	108,100
Local government	257,600
Total: Non-manufacturing	2,356,700
Non-agricultural employment	2,760,100
Agricultural employment (farm and farm-related)	519,000
Unemployment rate:	
Missouri: 2000	3.5%
United States: 2000	4.0%
Cost of living:	
Missouri/United States (1st quarter, 2001)92.6% / 4th lowest
Professions/occupations, 2001	
Architect	4,582
Audiologist	289
Barber	3,368
Certified Public Accountant (CPA)	21,800
Chiropractor	1,828
Clinical Social Worker	4,613
Cosmetologist/All	41,545
Dental Hygienist	2,393
Dental Specialist	606
Dentist	3,181
Dietitian	439
Embalmer	1,279
Engineer	14,969
Funeral Director	2,844
Geologist	810
Hearing Instrument Specialist	439
Interior Design	49
Interpreter	384
Land Surveyor	915
Landscape Architect	210
Lawyers	Approx. 25,000
Licensed Practical Nurse	23,469
Marriage & Family Therapy	148
Massage Therapist	596

Medical Physician/Surgeon	17,439
Occupational Therapist	1,912
Occupational Therapy Assistant	.587
Optometrist	1,043
Osteopathy Physician/Surgeon	3,109
Perfusionist	.112
Pharmacist	6,475
Pharmacy Technician	7,135
Physical Therapist	4,323
Physical Therapist Assistant	1,473
Physician Assistant	.263
Physician (MD and DO)	19,916
Podiatrist	.259
Podiatry/Ankle	.50
Professional Counselor	2,394
Psychologist	1,850
Real Estate Appraiser	1,830
Registered Nurse	68,650
Respiratory Care Therapist	2,847
Speech Language Pathology	1,923
Speech Language Pathology Aide	.10
Veterinarian	2,230

Business information

Financial services, 2000	
State-chartered commercial banks	.326
Branches	.958
Credit unions	.171
Licensed mortgage brokers	.373
Licensed consumer credit outlets	1,650
Savings and loans	.7

Transportation

Airports, 2000	500
Highway miles, 2000	
Interstate	1,178
Primary	6,822
Supplementary	24,332
Total highway miles	32,333
Public transit, miles of light rail (MetroLink)	34.4
Railroad miles, 2000	4,500
Waterways (navigable)	1,050
Number port authorities	.14

Tourism

Tourist expenditures	\$12.9 billion
State revenue from tourism	\$607 million
Foreign tourists (2000)	301,490

Crime Statistics

1997 Reported/estimated	
Murder	.387 / 424
Forcible Rape	1,405 / 1,513
Robbery	8,277 / 8,416
Aggravated assault	18,893 / 20,384
Burglary	42,781 / 47,001
Theft	146,470 / 155,969
Arson	2,151 / 2,271